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SUBJECT: SOMALIA AMBASSADOR REQUESTS ASSISTANCE

REF: GENEVA 985

1. AS YOU IMPLIED IN YOUR MESSAGE, SOMALI OFFER OF
COOPERATION WITH YOU REFLECTS THEIR DESIRE TO OBTAIN
U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

2. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR SAID OSMAN,
YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT U.S. POLICY ON SOMALI-
ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, I.E.
NO U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA WILL BE POSSIBLE
AS LONG AS THE PRESENT CONFLICT CONTINUES. THIS IS NOT
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TO SAY THAT WE MINIMIZE DANGERS POSED BY SOVIET-CUBAN
ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA, AS CITED BY AMBASSADOR SAID
OSMAN. WE HAVE SPOKEN OUT STRONGLY AGAINST MASSIVE
SOVIET MILITARY AID DELIVERIES TO ETHIOPIA AND PRESENCE
OF CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THAT COUNTRY. HOWEVER,
WE BELIEVE THAT NEGOTIATED SOLUTION, AND NOT FURTHER
MILITARY CONFLICT, IS BEST SOMALI RESPONSE TO THIS

DANGER. YOU SHOULD ALSO STRESS TO AMBASSADOR SAID
OSMAN THAT WE WELCOME THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSER AND
MORE COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOMALIA

AND THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED
CONTRIBUTION TO SOMALI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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